

To Kill a Mockingbird Theme and Symbol

1. Page 90 is the first time the mockingbird from the book's title is mentioned.
 - a. What does Atticus say about mockingbirds?
 - b. What does Miss Maudie say about mockingbirds?
2. On page 241, what comparison does Mr. Underwood make concerning Tom's death?
3. On page 276, Scout says, "Well, it'd be sort of like shootin' a mockingbird, wouldn't it?" To what is she referring in making this comparison?
4. How are the following characters like a mockingbird in the way described by Miss Maudie?
 - a. Tom Robinson
 - b. Scout
 - c. Jem
 - d. Boo Radley

5. How are the following characters like a mockingbird in the way described by Atticus?
 - a. Tom Robinson
 - b. Scout
 - c. Jem
 - d. Boo Radley
6. Looking at the comparisons and the quotes from the book, what might the mockingbird be a symbol of?
7. Considering the symbolism and comparisons you made, why would Harper Lee name her book *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
8. Considering the symbolism, the comparisons and the title of the book, what would you say is the theme of the book?